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## San Diego Region



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March 11, 2005

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Mr. Andrew Fichthorn, Executive Vice President and General Manager  
SeaWorld Adventure Park  
500 SeaWorld Drive  
San Diego, CA 92109-7904

In reply refer to:  
IC: 12-0083.01

Dear Mr.Fichthorn:

**SUBJECT: TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2005-0091, NPDES PERMIT NO.  
CA0107336; RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR ORDER NO. 2000-25**

**FACILITY: SEAWORLD, SAN DIEGO**

Enclosed is a copy of tentative Order No. R9-2005-0091, which staff intends to present to the Regional Board for consideration at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2005. If adopted, tentative Order No. R9-2005-0091 will renew National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0107336, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for SeaWorld, San Diego, San Diego County and supersede Order No. 2000-25.

The tentative Order is also available on the Regional Board's web site. The web site address is:  
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego>.

The tentative Order contains significant changes from the current NPDES Permit, Order No. 2000-25. The tentative Order includes requirements for the development of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

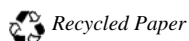
A considerable effort will be required by SeaWorld to comply with the effluent limitations, prohibitions, and provisions in the tentative Order.

The tentative Order is scheduled to be presented to the Regional Board on Wednesday, **April 13, 2005**. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the following location.

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Regional Board Meeting Room  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
San Diego, California

Please review and comment on the tentative Order at your earliest convenience. To ensure that the Regional Board has the opportunity to fully study and consider written material, comments

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should be received in the Regional Board's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2005. Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 will not be provided to the Regional Board members and will not be considered by the Regional Board.

The heading portion of this letter includes a Regional Board code number after "In reply refer to:" In order to assist us in the processing of your correspondence please include this code number in the heading or subject line portion of all correspondence and reports to the Regional Board.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Mr. Paul J. Richter at (858) 627-3929 or by e-mail at [prichter@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:prichter@waterboards.ca.gov).

Respectfully,

JOHN H. ROBERTUS  
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Enclosure

cc: Interested parties list

## Interested Parties

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